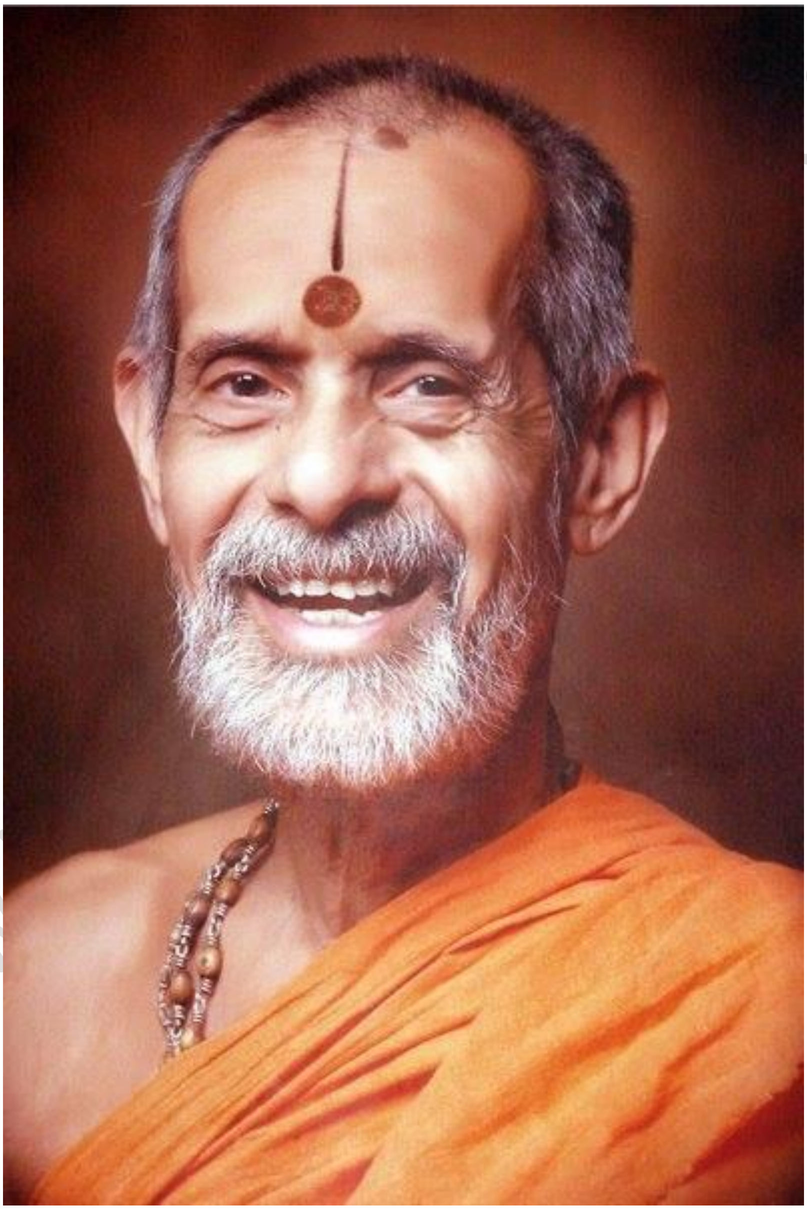
Sri Visvesha Theertharu

Yathikula Chakravarthy

(1931-2019)



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When he was a young boy, he was once drowning in a river. Neither his friends nor their parents came forward to save him; instead, they waited for his father to arrive. When he later asked his friends, 'Why didn't you save me?', they replied, 'We belong to a lower caste, we are not supposed to touch you!' This incident left a profound impact on young Venkataramana's mind. It instilled in him a powerful resolve that when he became the head of the Matha, he must wipe out such inequalities and discrimination from society.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that this Guru (spiritual leader) sparked a revolution by visiting every village and every household to guide people on the righteous path. He explained the greatness of Hindu Dharma to ensure they were not lured

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by other faiths, and even touched and blessed them. He visited Dalit colonies and lit lamps in their homes. He lived by the philosophy: 'Is the light from a lamp in an outcaste's house any less bright? Do not discriminate based on caste; the one who earns God's grace is the only one who truly belongs to a noble race.

History records that as part of his efforts for social equality, Sri Vishwesha Teertha Swamiji personally visited Dalit neighborhoods, conducting what were known as 'Dalit Keri' tours.

Rising to great spiritual heights, he lived with the profound belief of seeing the Divine in every living being. His vision and tireless efforts in this direction are truly commendable.

Alongside this, he realized the secret that our identity can only be preserved through education. To fulfill this, he founded the 'Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha' and played a pivotal role in nurturing and producing numerous scholars and wise individuals.

The proof of his immense love for teaching and spiritual discourses lies in the very place he chose for his Brindavanam (Samadhi)—the Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha. His desire to rest amidst the divine atmosphere of daily lessons and Vedic chants, even after his departure, beautifully reflects his noble personality and dedication to knowledge.

Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha – Key Highlights:

Establishment: Swamiji founded this Gurukula in Bengaluru in 1956, at the young age of just 25 years.

Impact: Through this institution, thousands of scholars have been trained in Vedanta, Sanskrit, and various Shastras (scriptures) to date.

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Objective: Its primary goal is to preserve and pass on Sanatana Dharma and Indian philosophical texts to future generations.

Continuous Service: Currently, hundreds of students are acquiring knowledge here, provided with free education, boarding, and lodging facilities.

He was a Guru to many heads of various Peethas (monastic orders). By organizing numerous 'Sudha Mangalas' (grand festivals marking the completion of the Nyaya Sudha text), he nurtured great scholars. Through them, he ensured that the 'water' from the reservoir of spiritual knowledge continuously nourishes the new sprouts—our youth.

A primary factor in the decline of our traditions is the shift away from indigenous educational approaches and the adoption of systems that may inadvertently diminish respect for our heritage.

Recognizing that a strong foundation in appropriate education can address this, a vision for a place of learning emerged: 'Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha.

Through the teachings and discussions offered there, individuals can benefit and deepen their understanding of traditions. This process helps to revitalize cultural knowledge. As this knowledge flourishes, it naturally leads to increased regard for culture, values, and practices."

He stood as a guiding light (Guru) to many prominent political leaders, directing them toward the right path and inspiring them to perform noble deeds for the welfare of society. Despite having such influential and scholarly disciples, he remained completely untouched by pride or ego. He treated everyone who approached him with immense love, affection, and kindness—listening to their grievances and providing the right solutions to bring them peace of mind.

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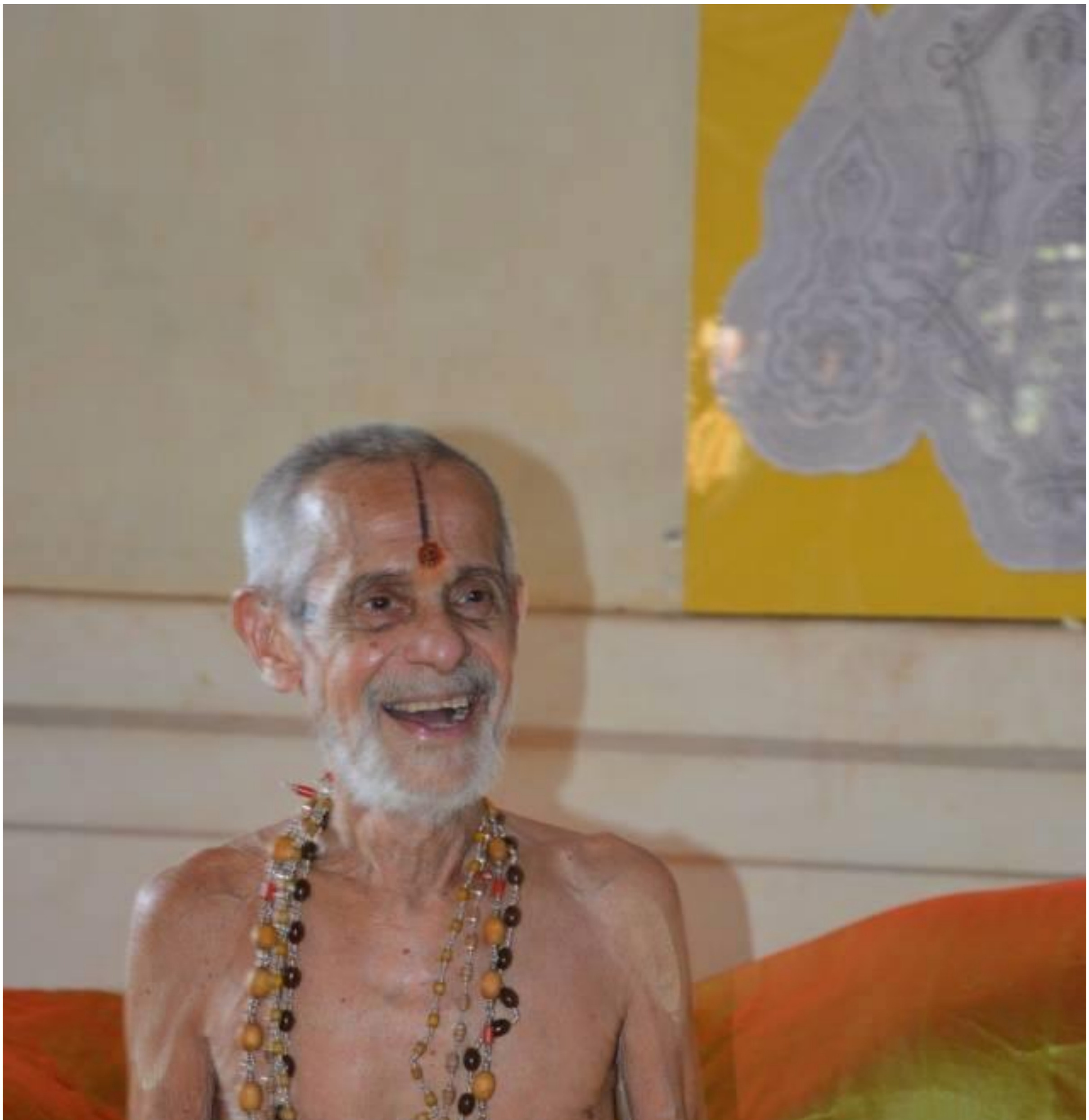
Palimaru Matha

In this way, the Pejavara Swamiji stood as the backbone for the continuous preservation and flourishing of our culture and traditions."

Just as the Lord, who appeared in the diminutive form of Vamana, manifested as the mighty Trivikrama to encompass the worlds, our Swamiji, despite his small physical stature, accomplished monumental tasks akin to Trivikrama. He initiated numerous actions to bring about a beautiful transformation in society. He authored the book 'Gita Saroddhara', in which he explained the profound teachings of the Bhagavad Gita in a way that is easily understandable to everyone.

On this day of Aradhana (commemoration) of such a great Acharya like Pejavara Swamiji, let us remember him and resolve to walk the path he illuminated for us. Let us abandon the negative thoughts in our minds and, with love and harmony, let all Hindus unite to protect our nation. Reflecting upon his spiritual journey (Sadhana), let us move forward in the footsteps he laid for us.

तपःस्वाध्यायशुश्रूषा-कृष्णपूजारतं मुनिम्।
विश्वेशमिष्टदं वंदे परिव्राट्चक्रवर्त्तिनम्॥

Tapah Svādhyāya Shushrushaa Krishna Pujāratam Munim |
Vishwesham-ishtadam Vande Parivraat chakravartinam ||

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Recognizing His services and contribution to the society, Govt. of India honoured (Posthumous) Sri Visvesha Theertharu with PADMAVIBHUSHAN in the year 2020.

It is not out of place to mention that, Sri Visvesha Theertharu is one of the two Madhva Yathis who have greatly influenced

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my spiritual path the foundation for which was laid 60 years back.

Sri Visvesha Theertharu was a gifted Saint who had the fortune of performing Five times PARYAAYA (worshiping Lord Sri Krishna at Udupi kshethra) which was not an ordinary achievement earlier accomplished only by Sri VaAdiraja Theertharu.

A multi-faceted, service oriented, spiritual personality, a revolutionary Saint, a trouble shooter, a great Madhva Yathi of contemporary times, Dvaita scholar, an octogenarian Sanyasi who lived in Sanyasaashrama for 80 years, a compassionate Guru, a devotee of Sri GuruRayaru, a social reformer, Sri Visvesha theertharu always lived/advocated for the cause of common man without compromising for His Yathi-VarnaAsrama Dharma, a Tall figure in the spiritual society of India.

A Great Teacher of the Nation: Paramapujya Sri Vishwesha Teertha Swamiji

The Visionary of Ayodhya

The moment we think of Pujya Sri Vishwesha Teertha Swamiji of Pejawara Matha, the image that reflects in our minds is the grand Ayodhya Rama Mandir. As a pillar of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and an active participant in the Rama Janmabhoomi movement, he was a Mahatma who fought to realize the dream of the temple we see today. It is no exaggeration to say that because of his compassion and tireless efforts, his disciple and the current pontiff, **Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji**, was blessed with the grand fortune of performing the *Prana Pratishtha* (consecration) of Bala Rama in January 2024.

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A Resolve for Social Equality

A pivotal moment in his youth shaped his social mission. While drowning in a river as a boy, his friends did not save him because they felt they belonged to a "lower caste" and were not supposed to touch him. This incident instilled in young Venkataramana a powerful resolve: when he became the head of the Matha, he would wipe out such inequality. History records that as part of this effort, he personally visited Dalit neighborhoods (Dalit Keri tours) to bridge divides, seeing the Divine in every living being.

Architect of Knowledge: Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha

Swamiji realized that our identity can only be preserved through proper education. In 1956, at the young age of 25, he founded **Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha** in Bengaluru. He believed that the decline of our traditions was due to the destruction of the Gurukula system and the neglect inherent in Western educational models. Today, this institution serves as a sanctuary where hundreds of students receive free education in Vedanta and Sanskrit. His love for teaching was so profound that he chose the Vidyapeetha as the site for his **Brindavanam (Samadhi)**, desiring to rest forever amidst the divine atmosphere of Vedic chants and daily lessons.

A Guru to Leaders and Scholars

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untouched by pride. He treated everyone with love and listened to their grievances with maternal affection. By organizing numerous **'Sudha Mangalas'**, he nurtured a new generation of scholars to ensure that the "water" of spiritual knowledge continues to nourish the youth.

The Trivikrama of Our Time

Just as the Lord appeared as the small Vamana but manifested as the mighty **Trivikrama**, Swamiji, despite his small physical stature, accomplished monumental tasks for social transformation. He authored **'Gita Saroddhara'**, making the profound teachings of the Bhagavad Gita accessible to the common man.

A Call to Action on his Aradhana

On this day of his **Aradhana**, let us remember this great Acharya and resolve to walk the path he illuminated. Let us abandon negative thoughts and, with love and harmony, unite to protect our nation. Reflecting upon his spiritual journey, let us move forward in the footsteps he laid for us.

దేశం కన్న ఒక శ్రేష్ఠ ఆచార్యులు - పరమపూజ్య విశ్వేశ తీర్థ స్వామీజీ

పేజావర మఠం పూజ్య **శ్రీ విశ్వేశతీర్థ స్వామీజీ** అనగానే మనసులో మెదిలే చిత్రం భవ్యమైన అయోధ్య రామమందిరం.

ఎప్పుడూ చిరునవ్వుతో చకచకా నడిచేవారు. ఉజ్వలమైన జ్ఞాన భాండాగారం నుండి ప్రకాశించే కళ్లతో భక్తులను చూస్తూ... తమ అనుష్టానం, ధ్యానం, జపం, చింతన, అధ్యయనం, అధ్యాపనం, వాటితో పాటు నిరంతర జనసేవ, భారతీయ సనాతన ధర్మం మరియు హిందూ ధర్మ సంరక్షణ అనే దీక్ష! ఎప్పుడూ చైతన్య స్వరూపమే. వారి భక్తికి, శక్తికి ఐదు సార్లు "పర్యాయం" నిర్వహించి కృష్ణ పూజ చేయడమే సాక్ష్యం.

విశ్వ హిందూ పరిషత్ కార్యకర్తగా, రామ జన్మభూమి పోరాటంలో చురుకుగా పాల్గొని, నేడు నిర్మితమైన మందిర కలను సాకారం చేసుకోవడానికి పోరాడిన మహాత్ములు వారు. వారి కరుణ మరియు వారి కృషి వలనే, వారి శిష్యులైన

నేటి గురువులు (శ్రీ విశ్వప్రసన్న తీర్థులు) బాల రాముని ప్రాణ ప్రతిష్ఠాపన చేసే భవ్య సౌభాగ్యాన్ని పొందారంటే అతిశయోక్తి కాదు.

చిన్న వయసులో నదిలో మునిగిపోతున్న తమను, స్నేహితులు గానీ, వారి తల్లిదండ్రులు గానీ ఎవరూ కాపాడకుండా, తమ తండ్రి రాక కోసం ఎదురుచూశారట. స్నేహితులను "నన్ను ఎందుకు రక్షించలేదు?" అని అడిగినప్పుడు, "మేము తక్కువ కులం వాళ్ళం, నిన్ను మేము తాకకూడదు" అని చెప్పారట! ఈ సంఘటన చిన్ని వెంకటరామునుడి మనస్సుపై ఎంత ప్రభావం చూపిందంటే, వారు మఠాధిపతి అయినప్పుడు ఈ అసమానతను మరియు భేదభావాలను నేను తుడిచిపెట్టాలి అనే గొప్ప సంకల్పం వారిలో కలిగింది.

పల్లె పల్లెలకు వెళ్లి, అక్కడ ఇళ్లను సందర్శించి, వారికి సన్మార్గదర్శనం చేసి, అన్య మతాలకు వారు ఆకర్షితులు కాకుండా మన హిందూ ధర్మ విశిష్టతలను వివరించి, వారిని తాకి ఆశీర్వదించి విప్లవాన్నే సృష్టించిన గురువర్యులు వీరు అని చెప్పడం తప్పు కాదు.దళిత వాడలకు వెళ్లారు, వారి ఇళ్లలో దీపాలు వెలిగించారు. "జాతిహీనుని ఇంటి జ్యోతి తా హీనమే? జాతివిజాతి అనవద్దు, దేవుడు మెచ్చినవాడే జాత సర్వజ్ఞ" (కుల హీనుడి ఇంట్లో వెలిగే దీపం కాంతి తక్కువగా ఉంటుందా? కులం, గోత్రం అనవద్దు, దేవుని కృప ఉన్నవాడే గొప్పవాడు) అన్నట్లుగా నడుచుకున్నారు.

ఆధ్యాత్మికంగా ఎత్తుకు ఎదుగుతూ, లోకంలోని ప్రతి జీవిలోనూ భగవంతుని చూడాలి అనే భావనతో ఉండేవారు. ఈ దిశగా వారి ఆలోచనా విధానం మరియు వారి కృషి ప్రశంసనీయం.

దీనితో పాటు విద్యాభ్యాసం ద్వారానే మన అస్తిత్వాన్ని మనం కాపాడుకోవాలనే రహస్యాన్ని గ్రహించిన వారు,'**పూర్ణప్రజ్ఞ విద్యాపీఠాన్ని**' స్థాపించి,అనేకమంది జ్ఞానులను తయారు చేయడంలో అత్యంత ముఖ్య పాత్ర పోషించారు.

పాఠాలు,ప్రవచనాలు అంటే వారికి ఎంత ఇష్టమో చెప్పడానికి,వారు తమ బృందావనం (సమాధి) కోసం ఎంచుకున్న పూర్ణప్రజ్ఞ విద్యాపీఠ స్థలమే సాక్ష్యం. అక్కడ నిత్యం జరిగే పాఠ ప్రవచనాలకు సాక్ష్యంగా, ఆ దివ్య

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చింతనల మధ్యే తాను ఉండాలనే వారి కోరిక, వారి ఉన్నత వ్యక్తిత్వానికి అద్దం పడుతుంది.

అనేక పీఠాధిపతులకు వారే గురువులు. అనేక సుధా మంగళాలను (న్యాయ సుధ గ్రంథ పూర్తి ఉత్సవం) నిర్వహించి, విద్వాంసులను తయారు చేసి,వారి ద్వారా నిరంతరం కొత్త చిగురులకు (యువతకు) ఆధ్యాత్మిక జ్ఞాన భాండాగారపు నీరు అందేలా చేశారు.

మన ధర్మం క్షీణించడానికి ముఖ్య కారణం గురుకులాల నాశనం మరియు పాశ్చాత్య విద్యా విధానం.అందులో మన ధర్మం పట్ల ఉన్న చులకన భావం మరియు నిర్లక్ష్యం. దీనిని సరిదిద్దడం సరైన విద్య ద్వారా మాత్రమే సాధ్యమని గ్రహించిన వారి కలల పంట 'పూర్ణప్రజ్ఞ విద్యాపీఠం'.చిన్న పిల్లల నుండి ఆసక్తి ఉన్న వృద్ధుల వరకు అందరూ అక్కడ జరిగే ప్రవచనాలు మరియు పాఠాల ద్వారా ప్రయోజనం పొందవచ్చు.దీనివల్ల ధర్మం జాగృతమవుతుంది.శుద్ధ జ్ఞానం పెరిగేకొద్దీ సంస్కృతి,సంస్కారం మరియు ఆచరణల పట్ల గౌరవం పెరుగుతుంది.

అనేకమంది పెద్ద పెద్ద రాజకీయ నాయకులకు గురు స్థానంలో నిలిచి,వారికి సన్మార్గదర్శనం చేసి, వారి ద్వారా సత్కార్యాలు జరిగేలా చేశారు.ఇంతటి మేధావి శిష్యులు ఉన్నప్పటికీ, గర్వం, అహంకారం ఏమాత్రం లేకుండా తమ దగ్గరకు వచ్చిన ప్రతి ఒక్కరినీ ప్రేమ, వాత్సల్యం, మమకారంతో చూసి, వారి కష్టాలను విని, వాటికి సరైన పరిష్కారాలను చెప్పి నెమ్మదిని ఇచ్చారు. ఇలా పేజావర శ్రీలు మన సంస్కృతి, సాంప్రదాయాలు నిరంతరంగా కొనసాగడానికి వెన్నెముకగా నిలిచారు.

వామన రూపంలో ఉన్న పరమాత్మ త్రివిక్రముడైనట్లు, పొట్టి కాయంతో (చిన్న శరీరాకృతితో) ఉన్న మన శ్రీలు త్రివిక్రమునిలా పనులు చేశారు. సమాజంలో సుందరమైన మార్పు కోసం అనేక చర్యలు చేపట్టారు. "గీతా సారోద్ధార" అనే పుస్తకాన్ని రాసి, అందులో భగవద్గీత విషయాలను అందరికీ అర్థమయ్యేలా వివరించారు.

ఇటువంటి పేజావర ఆచార్యుల ఆరాధన నాడు వారిని స్మరించుకుందాం, వారు చూపిన మార్గంలో నడుద్దాం. మన మనసులో ఉన్న చెడు భావాలను విడిచిపెట్టి, ప్రేమ మరియు సౌహార్దంతో హిందువులందరూ ఒక్కటై మన

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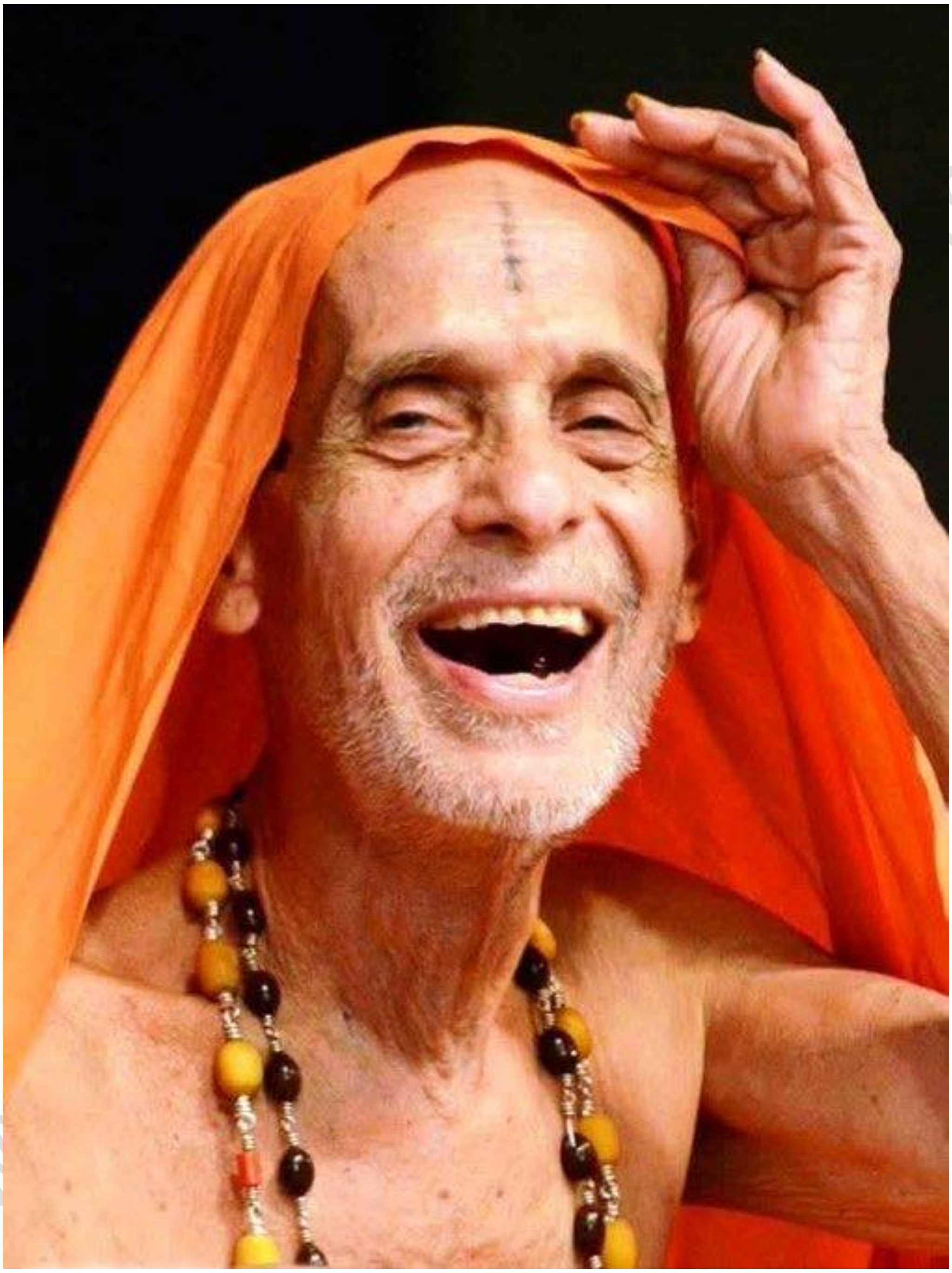
దేశాన్ని రక్షించుకుందాం. వారి సాధన మార్గాన్ని తలచుకుంటూ వారు వేసిన బాటలో పయనిద్దాం.



ನಾಡು ಕಂಡ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಸಂತ - ಪರಮಪೂಜ್ಯ ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ ತೀರ್ಥ ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿ.

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ಪೇಜಾವರ ಮಠದ ಪೂಜ್ಯ ವಿಶ್ವೇಶತೀರ್ಥ ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿಗಳು ಎಂದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಮನದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಡುವ ಚಿತ್ರ ಭವ್ಯವಾದ ಅಯೋಧ್ಯೆಯ ರಾಮಮಂದಿರ.

ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಹಸನ್ಮುಖಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಸರ ಸರ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತಹ, ಉಜ್ವಲವಾದ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಭಂಡಾರದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಕಾಶಿಸುವ ಕಣ್ಣುಗಳಿಂದ ಭಕ್ತರನ್ನು ನೋಡುತ್ತಾ, ತಮ್ಮ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಧ್ಯಾನ ಜಪ, ಚಿಂತನೆ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪನ ಅದರ ಜೊತೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾದ ಜನ ಸೇವೆ, ಭಾರತದ ಸನಾತನ ಧರ್ಮದ ಹಿಂದೂ ಧರ್ಮದ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಯ ಪಣ! ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಚೈತನ್ಯ ಭರಿತ ಸ್ವರೂಪ, ಅವರ ಭಕ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಶಕ್ತಿಗೆ ಐದು ಬಾರಿ ಪರ್ಯಾಯ ನಡೆಸಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಿಶ್ವ ಹಿಂದೂ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತರಾಗಿ, ರಾಮ ಜನ್ಮ ಭೂಮಿಯ ಹೋರಾಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಕ್ರಿಯವಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ, ಇಂದು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣವಾಗಿರುವ ಮಂದಿರದ ಕನಸನ್ನು ನನಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಹೋರಾಡಿದಂತಹ ಮಹಾತ್ಮರು. ಅವರ ಕಾರುಣ್ಯದಿಂದಲೇ ಅವರ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮದಿಂದಲೇ, ಅವರ ಶಿಷ್ಯರಾದ ಇಂದಿನ ಗುರುಗಳು ಬಾಲ ರಾಮನ ಪ್ರಾಣ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾಪನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಭವ್ಯ ಸೌಭಾಗ್ಯವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡರು ಎಂದರೆ ತಪ್ಪಾಗಲಾರದು.

ಚಿಕ್ಕ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಳುಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಾಗಲಿ ಅವರ ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿಗಳಾಗಲಿ ಯಾರೂ ಕಾಪಾಡದೆ ತಮ್ಮ ತಂದೆಯ ಬರುವಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿದ್ದರಂತೆ. ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರನ್ನು "ಯಾಕೆ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ರಕ್ಷಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲ" ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿದಾಗ, ನಾವು ಕೀಳಜಾತಿಯವರು ನಿನ್ನನ್ನು ನಾವು ಮುಟ್ಟುವ ಹಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆಂತೆ! ಈ ಘಟನೆ ಪುಟ್ಟ ವೆಂಕಟರಾಮನ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಪರಿಣಾಮ ಬೀರಿತು ಎಂದರೆ, ಅವರು ಮಠಾಧೀಶರಾದಾಗ ಈ ಅಸಮಾನತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಬೇಧಭಾವವನ್ನು ನಾನು ಅಳಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂಬ ಹೆಬ್ಬಯಕೆ ಅವರೊಳಗೆ ಮೂಡಿತ್ತು.

ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಮನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ, ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸನ್ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ, ಅನ್ಯ ಮತಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವರು ಮಾರುಹೋಗದಂತೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಹಿಂದೂ ಧರ್ಮದ ವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ವಿವರಿಸಿ, ಮುಟ್ಟಿ ಆಶೀರ್ವದಿಸಿ ಕ್ರಾಂತಿಯನ್ನೇ ಎಬ್ಬಿಸಿದ ಗುರುವರ್ಯರು ಎಂದರೆ ತಪ್ಪಾಗಲಾರದು.

ಹರಿಜನರ ಕೇರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವರ ಮನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದೀಪ ಹಚ್ಚಿದ್ದಾರೆ."ಜಾತಿಹೀನನ ಮನೆಯ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ ತಾ ಹೀನವೇ?ಜಾತಿವಿಜಾತಿ ಎನ್ನಬೇಡ ದೇವನೊಲಿವಾತನೆ ಜಾತ ಸರ್ವಜ್ಞ " ಎನ್ನುವಂತೆ ನಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮಿಕವಾಗಿ ಎತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಾ, ಲೋಕದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಜೀವಿ ಒಳಗೂ ಭಗವಂತನನ್ನು ಕಾಣಬೇಕು. ಈ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ವಿಚಾರಧಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮ ಶ್ಲಾಘನೀಯ.

ಇದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸದಿಂದಲೇ ನಮ್ಮತನವನ್ನು ನಾವು ಉಳಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಎಂಬ ಗುಟ್ಟನ್ನು ಅರಿತಂತಹ ಅವರು ಪೂರ್ಣಪ್ರಜ್ಞ ವಿದ್ಯಾಪೀಠವನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿ, ಅನೇಕ ಜ್ಞಾನಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಟ್ಟು ಹಾಕುವಲ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಪಾತ್ರ ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಪಾಠ ಪ್ರವಚನಗಳು ಎಂದರೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಇಷ್ಟ ಎಂಬುದು, ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಬೃಂದಾವನಕ್ಕೆ ಆರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಂತಹ ಪೂರ್ಣಪ್ರಜ್ಞ ವಿದ್ಯಾಪೀಠದ ಜಾಗವೇ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಸದಾ ನಡೆಯುವ ಪಾಠ ಪ್ರವಚನಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಿರುವ, ಆ ದಿವ್ಯ ಚಿಂತನೆಗಳ ನಡುವೆಯೇ ತಾನು ಇರಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಅವರ ಆಸೆ, ಅವರ ಎತ್ತರದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಹಿಡಿದಿಟ್ಟ ಕನ್ನಡಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅನೇಕ ಪೀಠಾಧಿಪತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವರೇ ಗುರುಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಅನೇಕ ಸುಧಾ ಮಂಗಳಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರನ್ನು ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡಿ ಅವರಿಂದ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಹೊಸ ಚಿಗುರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮದ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಭಂಡಾರದ ನೀರು ಸಿಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ನಮ್ಮ ಧರ್ಮದ ಅವನತಿಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರಣವೇ ಗುರುಕುಲಗಳ ನಾಶ. ಪಾಶ್ಚಾತ್ಯ ರೀತಿಯ ಪಠ್ಯಕ್ರಮ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಧರ್ಮದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇರುವ ತಾತ್ಸಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಅಸಡ್ಡೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿರುವುದು, ಸರಿಯಾದ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದಿಂದ ಮಾತ್ರ ಎಂದು ಅರಿತುಕೊಂಡ ಅವರ ಕನಸಿನ ಕೂಸು ಪೂರ್ಣ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞ ವಿದ್ಯಾಪೀಠ. ಪುಟ್ಟ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಂದ ಹಿಡಿದು ಆಸಕ್ತ ವಯೋವೃದ್ಧ ರ ತನಕ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಪ್ರವಚನಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಠಗಳಿಂದ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಇದರಿಂದ ಧರ್ಮ ಜಾಗೃತವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಶುದ್ಧ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿದಂತೆಲ್ಲ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, ಸಂಸ್ಕಾರ ಆಚರಣೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಗೌರವ ಹೆಚ್ಚುತ್ತದೆ.

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ಅನೇಕ ದೊಡ್ಡ ದೊಡ್ಡ ರಾಜಕಾರಣಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗುರು ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಂತು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸನ್ಮಾರ್ಗ ದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ಅವರಿಂದ ಸತ್ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು ಆಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಂತಹ ಮೇಧಾವಿ ಶಿಷ್ಯರನ್ನು ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು ಕೂಡ, ಗರ್ವ ಅಹಂಕಾರ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪವೂ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಬಳಿಗೆ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರನ್ನು ಕೂಡ ಪ್ರೀತಿ ವಾತ್ಸಲ್ಯ ಮಮತೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಡಿ ಅವರ ಕಷ್ಟಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಿವಿಗೊಟ್ಟು, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಪರಿಹಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿ ನೆಮ್ಮದಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಹೀಗೆ ಪೇಜಾವರ ಶ್ರೀಗಳು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಪರಂಪರೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆಯಲು ಬೆನ್ನೆಲುಬಾಗಿ ನಿಂತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ವಾಮನ ರೂಪಿ ಪರಮಾತ್ಮ ತ್ರಿವಿಕ್ರಮನಾದಂತೆ, ಪುಟ್ಟ ಕಾಯದ ನಮ್ಮ ಶ್ರೀಗಳು ತ್ರಿವಿಕ್ರಮನಂತೆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸಮಾಜದ ಸುಂದರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೆ ಅನೇಕ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

" ಗೀತಾ ಸಾರೋದ್ಧಾರ" ಎಂಬ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಬರೆದು, ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಭಗವದ್ಗೀತೆಯ ವಿಚಾರಗಳು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುವಂತೆ ವಿವರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಇಂತಹ ಪೇಜಾವರ ಶ್ರೀಗಳ ಜನ್ಮ ಜಯಂತಿಯಂದು ಅವರನ್ನು ನೆನೆಯೋಣ, ಅವರು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಟ್ಟ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯೋಣ, ನಮ್ಮ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವಂತಹ ಕೆಟ್ಟ ಮನೋಭಾವಗಳನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರೀತಿ ಸೌಹಾರ್ದತೆಯಿಂದ ಹಿಂದುಗಳೆಲ್ಲ ಒಂದಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರವನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳೋಣ ಅವರ ಸಾಧನೆಯ ಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ನೆನೆಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಅವರು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಟ್ಟ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯೋಣ.

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With a foreword from H.H. Sri Vidyamanya Theertharu, Sri Visvesha Theertharu has authored a Grantha (Book) on BhagawadGita titled GITA SARODDHARA.

It is a summary of lectures on Bhagavadgita in Kannada as delivered by Sri Vishvesha Tirtharu. Links are provided below for ready reference.

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GITA SARODDHARA (QUINTESSENCE OF THE GITA) *By*

(HIS HOLINESS SRI VISHVESHA TIRTHA Of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udupi)

https://sites.google.com/site/harshalarajesh/gita-saroddhara

https://archive.org/details/GitaSaroddhara_-_SriVishveshaTirthaSwamiji

ಗೀತಾಸಾರೋದ್ಧಾರ by ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರ ತೀರ್ಥ ಶ್ರೀಪಾದ

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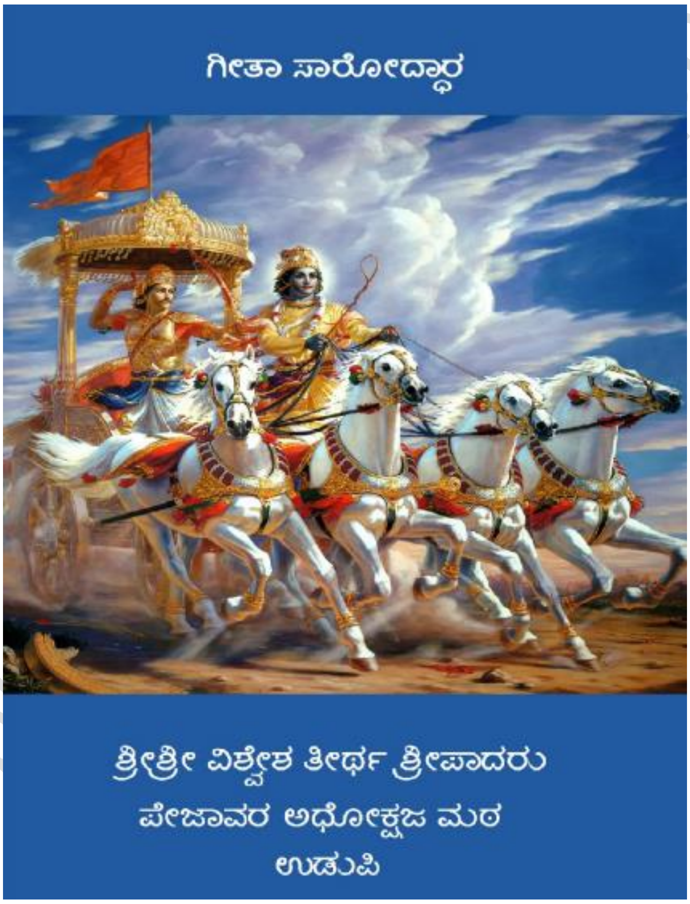

Sri Visvesha Theertharu in the words of H.H. Sri Vidyamanya Theertharu (an excerpt from the foreword given to the text GitaSaroddhara authored by H.H. Sri Visvesha Theertharu)

Sri Visvesha Tirtha has given us this work amidst the heavy and multifarious responsibilities of his holy office as a Pithadhipati. He has snatched time to do this in the intervals of

his lightning tours over the country, prior to his taking charge of his biennial turn of office for Krishna Puja Paryaya at Udipi. His ceaseless round of activities and public engagements, religious austerities, worship and teaching have not prevented him from taking up such useful literary work also.

We have known Sri Visvesha Tirtha from his early days. while yet a boy of ten, he came to us as a bright pupil. He was already an adept in Sanskrit literature. He used to compose many attractive verses of high order of excellence in Sanskrit at short notice.

Once when Visvesha Tirtha was just eighteen, the well-known Advaita scholar Mm. Ananthakrishna Sastri came to Udipi. There was a discussion in Sastra between them. The learned Pandita was soon silenced by the inexorable logic of the teenager and heartily applauded him for his alertness of mind and intellectual quickness. Many other reputed scholars from the North such as Pt Rajeshvar Sastri Dravid and Shadanga Ramachandra Sastri have paid handsome tributes to His Holiness's exceptional mettle.

His public discourses in Sanskrit and Kannada draw huge audiences and hold them spellbound. He combines an uncanny debating skill with a measured eloquence and a disarming sunny smile. He is noted for his high sense of duty, unfailing courtesy and his spirit of give and take. His devotion to the Lord is absolutely firm and childlike in its simplicity and trustfulness.

These admirable qualities of his head and heart have endeared him to one and all scholars and laymen, the old and the young, alike. We are well pleased with such an ideal disciple of ours.

May Sri Hari and Vayu confer upon him long life, health and other blessings to enable him to continue to do good to the

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community of the good souls all over the world is our earnest prayer to our Upasyadevata - Sri Sitaramachandra.

SRI VIDYAMANYA TIRTHA SWAMIJI
of the Sri Palimar Mutt of Udipi and the Bhandarakere Math of Barkur (S. K.)

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Dr. B. N. K. SHARMA

Born in the year 1931 (27.04.1931) His noble parents were, Sri Narayanacharya and Smt. Kamalamma. His poorvashrama naama was Venkataramana. At a tender age of seven years, He took his Sanyasa Deeksha from His Ashrama Guru Sri Viswamanya Theertharu at the famous Hanuman temple Yanthroddharaka (Sri Vyasarajara Pratishta) on the banks of Chakratheertha at Hampi kshetra. His Vidya Guru was renowned Saint H.H. Sri Vidyamanya Theertharu. His aashrama sishya is Sri Viswaprasanna Theertharu.

He established several social service and educational institutions and worked for the upliftment of the poor. Prominent among them are…

A. Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha (Bangalore)
B. Akhila Bharata Madhwa Mahamandali
C. Shri Krishna Sevashrama Hospital (Bangalore)

Sri Visvesha Theertharu attained Haripadha on 29th December 2019 (Pushya Sukla Truteeya) at the age of 88 years after spending 80 years in Sanyasaashrama. His Moola Brindavana is at Poornaprajna Vidyapeeta, Bangalore.

The journey of Sri Visvesha Theertharu

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSGip_Z7isg

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